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FOLLOWING TELEGRAM WAS ORIGINALLY SENT TO SECSTATE ACTION
AND INFO OTTAWA, TEL AVIV, USUN, AND GENEVA ON 9/26/74 AND IS
NOW REPEATED FOR THE INFO OF AMMAN, BEIRUT, AND CAIRO.

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E.O. 11652: GDS

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SUBJECT: CONVERSATION WITH AMB. YAPOU, ISRAELI
COUNSELLOR FOR UNESCO

REF: PARIS 21043 AND PARIS 22453

1. AMB. YAPOU ASKED FOR PRIVATE MEETING WITH PERM. REP.
AFTERNOON SEPT. 25TH. HE RAISED TWO MAIN POINTS:
A. ISRAELIS PLAN TO APPLY FOR MEMBERSHIP IN THE UNESCO
EUROPEAN REGION AND B. ITEMS 7.7 AND 7.8 AGENDA OF
CURRENT EX.BD.: 7.7 WOULD "ENABLE LIBERATION MOVEMENTS
RECOGNIZED BY THE INTERGOVERNMENTAL REGIONAL ORGANIZA-
TIONS TO BE ASSOCIATED WITH THE ACTIVITIES OF UNESCO,
INCLUDING THE GENERAL CONFERENCE" AND 7.8 WOULD INVITE
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THE PLO TO ATTEND THE 18TH SESSION OF THE GENERAL CON-

REFERENCE.

2. AS TO THE UNESCO EUROPEAN REGION, THE AMB. INDICATED THAT ISRAEL INTENDED TO MAKE APPLICATION FOR MEMBERSHIP, EITHER BY SEPARATE RESOLUTION OR BY AMENDMENT TO ANOTHER RESOLUTION. HE HOPED THE US WOULD SUPPORT THEIR EFFORT. AMB. YAPOU STATED THAT HE INTENDED TO TALK WITH OTHER EUROPEAN DELEGATIONS TO ENLIST THEIR SUPPORT. HE FURTHER STATED THAT HE HAD HEARD THAT FRANCE INTENDED TO OPEN THE ISSUE OF MEMBERSHIP IN THE EUROPEAN REGION AND SO HE EXPECTED A FULL DEBATE. WHEN ASKED ABOUT POSSIBLE ARAB REACTION THE AMB. STATED HE FULLY EXPECTED THEM TO BE NEGATIVE, BUT WAS UNCERTAIN AS TO WHETHER THEY WOULD ACTIVELY OPPOSE. PERM. REP. INDICATED TO AMB. YAPOU THAT THE US AND CANADA WERE ALSO SEEKING ENTRY INTO THE REGION -- AND RAISED THE POSSIBILITY THAT IF IT APPEARED ISRAEL MIGHT HAVE A DIFFICULT TIME IT MAY BE WELL TO WAIT UNTIL THE US WAS FULLY ADMITTED AND WE WOULD BE IN A POSITION TO HELP. AMB. YAPOU THOUGHT THIS POSSIBILITY MIGHT BE CONSIDERED.

3. COMMENT ON EUROPEAN REGIONAL DISCUSSION: NO DOUBT THAT ISRAEL INTENDS EITHER INTRODUCE SEP. RES. RE ENTRY OR PROPOSE AMENDMENT TO US CANADIAN RESOLUTION. ISRAELI AMB. SEEMED RELATIVELY UNCONCERNED ABOUT POSSIBLE OPPOSITION.

4. AS TO PLO ITEMS: AMB. YAPOU SEEMED A BIT EMOTIONAL ON THIS ISSUE AND OBVIOUSLY FEELS STRONGLY ABOUT IT. HOWEVER, HE WAS NOT INSISTENT IN PRESSING FOR US OPPOSITION AND FIRST MENTIONED HOPE FOR AT LEAST AN ABSTENTION.

6. PLO ISSUE LIKELY COME UP IN EX.BD. TUESDAY, OCTOBER 1ST. REQUEST INSTRUCTIONS SOONEST.
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